GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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COMMON ECONOMIC ZONE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal for creating a Common Economic Zone (CEZ) for the areas falling within the National Capital Region for various purposes viz. Transport, power supply, taxation etc;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) If not whether the Government propose to conduct any study to explore the possibility of creating a Common Economic Zone for the benefit of the residents of NCR?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AN PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AN PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): The concept of Common Economic Zone (CEZ) was initiated by the NCRPB in its meeting held on 2.9.1997 under the chairmanship of the then Prime Minister. The basic philosophy behind the concept of CEZ is to evolve a harmonised policy for balanced development of the entire National Capital Region (NCR) which require uniformity in the fiscal policy such as harmonization of taxes and tariff structure (sales tax, central sales tax, road tax, goods tax, octroi, tariff on services like power, water) etc. The matter requires detailed discussions with the participating States and the Central Ministries. The meeting is yet to take place.